

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
WACO DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

PIERRE HERNANDEZ

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CRIMINAL NO. W-24-CR-72-ADA

**REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION
OF THE UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

TO: THE HONORABLE ALAN D ALBRIGHT,
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

The undersigned submits this Report and Recommendation to the district judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b) and Rule 1 of Appendix C of the Local Court Rules of the United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, Local Rules for the Assignment of Duties to United States Magistrate Judges. Before the Court is the petition of the United States Probation Office recommending the revocation of the defendant's term of supervision. The district judge referred the matter to the undersigned for the preparation of a report and recommendation.

I. PROCEDURAL BACKGROUND

The defendant was convicted of Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute a Controlled Substance in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846. The Court sentenced the defendant to 110 months in the custody of the Bureau of Prisons, followed by a three-year term of supervised release. The special conditions included a \$100.00 special assessment fee. On July 10, 2023, the defendant was released to his term of supervision.

On April 26, 2024, the United States Probation Office filed another Petition for Warrant or Summons for Offender Under Supervision, alleging the defendant again violated the terms of his release and seeking a show-cause hearing as to why the defendant's supervised release should not be revoked. The petition alleges the defendant violated the terms of his release in the following instances:

Violation Number 1: The defendant violated the Condition of Supervision, to not commit another federal, state, or local crime, in that on March 21, 2024, the defendant was arrested for Theft over \$100 under \$750, in violation of Texas Penal Code 31.03, a class B misdemeanor.

Violation Number 2: The defendant violated the Condition of Supervision, to refrain from any unlawful use of a controlled substance, in that on March 11, and April 8, 2024, the defendant submitted urine samples which tested positive for Amphetamine/Methamphetamine. The defendant also admitted to using Methamphetamine on October 5, 2023, and February 24, 2024.

II. FINDINGS OF THE COURT

At the hearing, the defendant pleaded true to the violations. The government presented evidence that would support a finding of true, by a preponderance of the evidence, as to the violations.

1. The defendant violated the conditions of his supervision as alleged in the petition.
2. The defendant was competent to make the decision to enter a plea to the allegations.
3. The defendant had both a factual and rational understanding of the proceedings against him.
4. The defendant did not suffer from any physical or mental impairment that would affect his ability to fully understand the charges against him or the consequences of his plea.
5. The defendant has not had any injury that would affect his judgment in entering a plea or that would affect his understanding of the basis, consequences, or effect of his plea.
6. The defendant was sane and mentally competent to stand trial for these proceedings.

7. The defendant was sane and mentally competent to assist his attorney in the preparation and conduct of his defense.
8. The defendant received a copy of the petition naming him, and he either read it or had it read to him.
9. The defendant understood the petition and the charges alleged against him and had the opportunity to discuss the petition and charges with his attorney.
10. The defendant understood that he had the right to present evidence and to cross-examine witnesses at the hearing.
11. The defendant freely, intelligently, and voluntarily entered his plea to the allegations.
12. The defendant understood his statutory and constitutional rights and desired to waive them.

III. RECOMMENDATION

The undersigned has carefully considered all the arguments and evidence presented by the parties and **RECOMMENDS** that the defendant's supervised release be revoked and that he be remanded to the custody of the U.S. Marshal for eight months, followed by no term of supervised release. The Court should request that the Bureau of Prisons provide, if acceptable under their guidelines, that the defendant be placed in intensive drug treatment. The defendant should receive five days credit for time served.

IV. WARNINGS

The parties may file objections to this Report and Recommendation. A party filing objections must specifically identify those findings or recommendations to which objections are

being made. The district court need not consider frivolous, conclusive, or general objections. *See Battles v. United States Parole Comm'n*, 834 F.2d 419, 421 (5th Cir. 1987).

A party's failure to file written objections to the proposed findings and recommendations contained in this Report within fourteen (14) days after the party is served with a copy of the Report shall bar that party from de novo review by the district judge of the proposed findings and recommendations in the Report and, except upon grounds of plain error, shall bar the party from appellate review of unobjected-to proposed factual findings and legal conclusions accepted by the district judge. *See* 28 U.S.C. 636(b)(1)(C); *Thomas v. Arn*, 474 U.S. 140, 150-53 (1985); *Douglass v. United Services Automobile Association*, 79 F.3d 1415, 1428-29 (5th Cir. 1996) (en banc).

SIGNED this 7th day of May 2024.


JEFFREY C. MANSKE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE